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# WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU AUTHORIZES TOTAH COMMUNICATIONS, INC. TO RECEIVE ADDITIONAL ALTERNATIVE CONNECT AMERICA COST MODEL SUPPORT TO EXPAND RURAL BROADBAND

#### WC Docket No. 10-90

On April 29, 2019, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) released a Public Notice authorizing 186 rate-of-return companies to receive an additional \$65.7 million annually in Alternative Connect America Cost Model (A-CAM) support. Totah Communications, Inc. (Totah) was omitted from the April 29 authorization Public Notice. The Bureau now authorizes Totah to receive A-CAM support pursuant to the second revised offer. The appendix to this Public Notice shows the revised authorization amount and deployment obligations. In addition, we update the summary report last updated on April 29, showing the state-level amounts of model-based support and associated deployment obligations for all carriers that have been authorized to receive model-based support, to reflect Totah's revised authorization.<sup>2</sup>

We authorize and direct the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) to obligate and disburse the annual support amounts over a 10-year term to Totah as shown in the appendix. Totah will be subject to defined deployment obligations that must be met over the 10-year period, with annual reporting of its progress.<sup>3</sup>

The net increase in annualized support compared to Totah's previously-elected A-CAM amounts is \$250,695. We direct USAC to calculate the necessary true-up and to adjust the amount of cash it retains in the high-cost account to fund A-CAM recipients to reflect today's revised authorization.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Wireline Competition Bureau Authorizes 186 Rate-of-Return Companies to Receive an Additional \$65.7 Million Annually in Alternative Connect America Cost Model Support to Expand Rural Broadband, WC Docket No. 10-90, Public Notice, DA 19-349 (WCB Apr. 29, 2019).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The summary report for all carriers authorized to receive A-CAM support, including those subject to prior authorizations in December 2016, January 2017, July 2018, and April 29, 2019 is available at <a href="https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DOC-352788A1.xslx">https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DOC-352788A1.xslx</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Totah must satisfy deployment obligations associated with the amount of support it accepted as set forth in the Public Notice announcing the revised offers of support. *Wireline Competition Bureau Announces Offers of Revised A-CAM Support Amounts and Deployment Obligations Authorized A-CAM Companies to Expand Rural Broadband*, WC Docket No. 10-90, Public Notice, DA 19-115 (WCB Feb. 25, 2019).

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## Appendix

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### Authorized A-CAM Support & Obligations - To Date Offer Authorizations

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Sta te	Holding Company	Support End Date	Annual A- CAM Support	Total Number of Rate-of- Return Locations in Census Blocks Receiving Model-Based Funding	Number of Locations in Eligible Census Blocks with Obligation to Offer 25/3 Mbps	Number of Locations in Eligible Census Blocks with Obligation to Offer 10/1 Mbps	Number of Locations in Eligible Census Blocks with Obligation to Offer 4/1 Mbps	Number of Locations Remaining on Reasonable Request Standard
KS	Totah Communica tions, Inc.	December 31, 2028	1,904,925	1,530	611	612	76	231